

Office of the White House Press Secretary
-----THE WHITE HOUSESTATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT ON THE
DEATH OF ALLEN DULLES

At eleven o'clock last night, America lost a most valued public servant and the world lost a dedicated and courageous defender of freedom.

The death of Allen Dulles came at a time when his qualities of deliberation, integrity and intelligence are more than ever those on which free men must rely. He served his country in the great tradition of his family and with unstinting devotion to duty.

During the years he served as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, I had the opportunity to meet with him on many occasions. My impression of him then is my impression now: he was a man who brought civility, intelligence and great dedication to everything he did. In the nature of his task, his achievements were known to only a few. But -- because of him -- the world is a safer place today.

I know that all Americans join with Director Helms, Mrs. Nixon and with me in extending our deepest sympathy to his family.

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